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907 Walnut St., Philadelphia;
12 Sept. 1887.

Mr. Chas. S. Heller,
C/o Messrs. Heller & Brightly,
Spring Garden & Ridge Road,
Philadelphia.

Dear Heller:

Many thanks for your favor of the 9th with the bundle of note books. But the books are not of the size I wish. What I want is 7 in. x 4 in.; the former ones, sent by you last year, were marked "Cross Section 13". Please send the dozen (ten lines to inch), and take away this bundle; and charge the cost to me personally, not to the State survey; and oblige

Yours very truly,

Benj. Smith Lyman

Mr. Chas. F. Mellor,
c/o Messrs. Mellor & Meigs,
Stock Brokers & Real Estate Agents,
Philadelphia.

Dear Mellor:

[illegible] for your favor of the 12th inst. I am sorry to say that I am not in a position to [illegible] at present. What I would [illegible] is a first class [illegible] for [illegible] Broadway, between [illegible] and 13th Streets. If you can [illegible] let me know [illegible] and I will [illegible] at once.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

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[illegible] 1 Dec. 191[illegible].
[illegible]: 907 Walnut St. Phila[illegible]

Dear Hannah:

Many thanks for your favor [illegible] just received, and for all your trouble [illegible] in the matter. Mr. Gotham's suggestion is a very good [illegible] [illegible] possible [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Perhaps [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a little in the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a good deal [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] advantage in other ways.

[illegible] [illegible] your favor for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] much [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] a portion of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]
Address: [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Gentlemen:

[illegible]

[illegible]

Philadelphia, Pa.: 17 Dec. 87.
Address: 717 Walnut St., Philadelphia

J. A. Hamilton, Esq.
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

Many thanks for your favor of the 15th inst. with the prospect it holds out of meeting you there. I expect to be here through the winter except when favorable weather may permit field work in Bucks County and except on days set to in the Christmas Holidays. My address until end of January will be 717 Walnut St. but after that I am most likely to be found at 708 Washington Ave. Philadelphia, and I have the pleasure of writing before long to Mrs. Brown always

Very truly yours,
Chas. Smith Lyman

Philadelphia, Pa., 12 Dec. 1887.
Address: 1917 Walnut St. Philadelphia,

My dear Cousin Eliza: Many thanks for your very kind favor of the seventh, received on the tenth on my return from a trip into the field. I am sorry that the proposed removal to my house struck you so unfavorably and seemed so great an undertaking, though I fully [illegible] your attachment to your present cozy quarters. It is likely enough they could not have been satisfactorily replaced by anything I had to offer, even with the help of your accustomed household furniture; but as far as the mere act of removal only it would have [illegible] little of [illegible] and would have saved you [illegible] without your knowledge accomplished [illegible] while you were spending a [illegible] at the [illegible]. Your being so near them, too, might have enabled them to drop in upon you oftener than would otherwise be possible, having [illegible] weather, and you could easily have had the variety of dropping in upon them. But in any case, [illegible] you will [illegible]

both indoors and out; and am glad to hear that you have a satisfactory attendant in the household; and hope the other half of your house will speedily be occupied with pleasant tenants, [illegible] indeed a comfortable dwelling [illegible] [illegible]. It is a very happy omen for the winter that your health is already improved so much. I am sorry that Mr. Ha[illegible] is so poorly, but hope that he may be better with our bracing northern winter weather and that you may have the pleasure of [illegible] visits from him, even while he is staying [illegible] hospital which might be a sort of country [illegible] him, so near[illegible] in [illegible] of others at [illegible].

I saw Mrs. Bailey last evening, and [illegible] much interested in hearing from you. She said [illegible] they had good news from Mary [illegible] [illegible] last week. There was [illegible] [illegible]. Mrs [illegible] I have [illegible] yet seen, but understand she [illegible] well. [illegible] [illegible] have been [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] perhaps still in [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

always [illegible] affectionately [illegible]

Philadelphia, Pa.; 14 Dec., 1887.

Professor John C. Branner,
State Geologist,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Many thanks for your interesting annual report received yesterday; and many congratulations on your accession to the very important position you now hold with such advantage to the scientific world.

A few months ago I undertook a contract to do the New Red field, chiefly Bucks and Montgomery Counties, for the State Survey here; and my address is consequently, 907 Walnut Street, Philadelphia. Hoping the change of headquarters may improve my prospect of meeting you in [illegible] in spite of the distance of your special [illegible] operations. [illegible] Yours also

[illegible] truly yours

[illegible] Smith [illegible]

Philadelphia, 14 Dec. 1787

Mr. Peter Le Breton,
Late Secretary
of the Board of Admiralty.

Sir:

Philadelphia, Pa., 14 Dec. 1880

Address: 70 Girard St., Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Ford:

Many thanks for your note
(in the wedding program), and many hearty
congratulations to you and for the more immediate
participants in the happy event. I regret
very much that my duties keep me here
and prevent my joining in the festive
Celebration.

Please give my best compliments
to [illegible] and believe me always

Sincerely yours,

Chas. Sumner

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Philadelphia, Pa.; 14 Dec. 1887.
(Address: 907 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.)

My dear Wynne:

Many thanks for your very kind favor of the 21st of last month enclosing the [illegible] [illegible] from your skilful hand, and giving very welcome but too brief tidings of yourself. It is unhappily quite impossible for my clumsy hands and poor eyes to [illegible] anything worthy to offer as a return for it and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Northampton next week to spend [illegible]

[illegible] I mean to make bold to send you a [illegible] [illegible]" publication lately made by me [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] which I [illegible] [illegible], but [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to recall [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] of the village [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

You see by my changed address that [illegible] is a measure of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from [illegible] for the [illegible] of [illegible]. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at the time of my last letter, [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] April, and was [illegible] an interesting [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] of [illegible]

in the anthracite region [illegible] of Pennsylvania
until about the first of July [illegible] induced
to undertake some work for the State geological
survey, here, as he had begun to offer copies of [illegible]
some months before. It is to survey the new red, or
trias, [illegible] field in the eastern part of the State and to
be accomplished after a fashion within two years or less
from last June. The money is not enormous, as
[illegible] supposed to be made up for by the prestige
[illegible] private work at [illegible] [illegible]. It [illegible]
[illegible], however, that the State work will take
good deal more time than was expected at [illegible].
The last biennial appropriation (grant, as you may [illegible]) was
made with the distinct understanding that it should [illegible]
[illegible]; so that the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] year for
next. I have taken advantage of this work as
reason for removing practically from Northampton,
though my legal domicile is still there, and my
[illegible] is still on my hands, and I expect to be
there frequently for a few days at a time. [illegible]
[illegible] that the [illegible] [illegible] of the
[illegible] in a pleasant [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]

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Comfortable, though not equal to [illegible] the rooms.
Can you not take a [illegible] in these days [illegible]
[illegible] and carry [illegible] and make [illegible]
[illegible] in this [illegible] My young attendant [illegible] is
[illegible] Northampton [illegible] Brown [illegible] getting
[illegible] of the schoolroom. He has grown very [illegible]
[illegible] you saw him, & [illegible] changed [illegible]

[illegible] quite; [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]. They [illegible] here in the [illegible]
[illegible] the city, within thirty miles or so. [illegible]
[illegible], perhaps I shall continue to stay [illegible]
[illegible] at my [illegible], as indeed it is [illegible]
[illegible], except for the [illegible]. It is perhaps [illegible]
[illegible] I did not [illegible]
[illegible] of 500 [illegible] place [illegible] Northampton [illegible].
[illegible] the [illegible] is very pleasant [illegible]
[illegible] Northampton [illegible] directly connected with
[illegible] by a railroad that has been on the way for [illegible]
[illegible] and regular trains will begin running [illegible]
[illegible] sorry you have to [illegible] glasses [illegible]
As my eyes are slightly nearsighted, especially since [illegible]
[illegible] with [illegible]
[illegible] no need of glasses for near work, [illegible]
from [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] my best [illegible] to you [illegible]
[illegible]

Philadelphia, Pa.; 14 Dec. 1887.
Address: 907 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

To the Librarian of the

Easthampton Public Library,

Easthampton, Ms.

Dear Sir:

If your library has not already a copy of Mrs. Susan I. Lesley's book entitled "Recollections of my Mother", I should be happy to present one.

Very truly yours,

Benj. Smith Lyman

Philadelphia, Pa., 24 Dec. 1887.
(Address: 1520 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.)

To the Librarian of the

Cunningham Public Library
(Bryant Library),
Cunningham, Mo.

Dear Sir:

If your library has not already a copy of Miss Susan L. Leslie's book entitled "Recollections of My Mother," I should be glad to present one.

Respectfully yours,

Mary Keith Leslie

[illegible] Springs, Pa., 14 Dec. 1857.

My dear Mr. [illegible],

I was disappointed in not getting round to see you the other day at the [illegible] in order particularly to talk about National [illegible] [illegible] matter. There are two good pairs of thermometers, besides one or more [illegible], belonging to the Society in the closet & may be [illegible] [illegible] Professor has the key) and if it be thought desirable they can be taken and set up before the [illegible] [illegible] new year. Mr. Russell [illegible] had [illegible] at Florence (perhaps his parents [illegible]) where they would probably be satisfactorily used. Possibly however the Society is discouraged from further expense in that line by the [illegible]. Still, strikes me that if the [illegible] of the thermometers may have had some effect upon observations already made so as to require a [illegible] of the [illegible] in that may be suggested, yet there may well be some appreciable effect from the immediate [illegible] of the [illegible], but from the [illegible] [illegible] in a [illegible]

that the amount of that effect is a little worth [illegible]
mining. Woeikoff, a Russian meteorologist, has lately
published a general book on meteorology in which
that subject among others is discussed; and, though
I have not yet seen the book, I have hopes of bringing
some time at [illegible] [illegible] to the notice of the Society
[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] will kindly undertake to do so.
Meteorology is a branch of physics too far out of my
[illegible] to be prudent for me to plan giving it a
[illegible] deal of attention myself, considering how many
[illegible] already have some claim on me; but I was
in hopes that by this time some member of the Society
might become specially interested in the subject
and perhaps even make it his particular hobby
[illegible] to take the lead in the Society's observations,
at any rate enough to guide them. Possibly some
such individual may yet be discovered; perhaps
[illegible] [illegible] or Mr. Jones M. Clark or somebody
[illegible] may take a fancy to [illegible] a special study
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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was inclined to contribute some more [illegible] for the purpose of establishing a field of [illegible]vations in some of the neighboring hill towns. — Also I was [illegible] disinclined to add to the Society's [illegible] in such matters by establishing [illegible] the means of compensating some lecturers that might be invited by the society to come and speak in public. I asked Prof. Wm. M. Davis if he could not come this winter to lecture with a prospect of compensation; but find the death in his family has so increased his obstacles in the way as just impossible. Perhaps next year plans getting up [illegible] lectures might be carried out.

Hoping to see you at Northampton during Christmas time, if you are there, and to talk of these things [illegible] always

Very truly yours,

[illegible]

Philadelphia, Pa., 20th [illegible]

Dear Fanny: Many thanks for your very kind [illegible] of Sunday, received today, with the plan for my [illegible] of a dinner Saturday evening at your house. [illegible] the trains run, however, make it [illegible] difficult [illegible] so early as four o'clock. I would [illegible] leaving [illegible] at eleven and [illegible] at half past [illegible] that breakfast, and a [illegible] for connection [illegible] the night [illegible] that [illegible] here at [illegible] [illegible] your [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] time. My [illegible] however [illegible] eleven and [illegible] a little [illegible] [illegible] about [illegible] it makes my [illegible] to you [illegible] might [illegible] at four, and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] one [illegible] to open the [illegible] from New York and [illegible] [illegible] your [illegible] [illegible] possibly [illegible] could [illegible] breaking everything [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] quite [illegible]

hospitality if you put yourself out to get [illegible] the [illegible] for me; and indeed [illegible] [illegible] emphasis. My idea was to get you through [illegible] to engage Mrs. [illegible] to come to my house so that I might entertain you in turn; and should be glad to know that [illegible] and now, if you do not altogether disapprove. [illegible] pleased that John got Mr. Harlow [illegible] [illegible] is built in the furnace and [illegible] for me. The furnace fire might be [illegible] earlier if it be thought best. It takes time [illegible] to [illegible] fairly under way, so as to produce any warming effect. Possibly Mr. Harlow has [illegible] thought it necessary to blow the water out of [illegible] if he has, it will of course be necessary to fill it before building the fire. When the house is warm enough, the water can be turned on to the pipes in general. It is a rather cumbersome affair, but Mr. Harlow will doubtless find it a slight undertaking.

I am very glad to hear that John is doing well. I appreciate the importance in his eyes of [illegible] overcoat affair, but would [illegible] imagine that the [illegible] too severe for his character; and in case it be so, it will prove a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. It is [illegible] too good looking [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] cannot [illegible] [illegible]

107 Walnut St. Philadelphia Pa. 22d
1857.

Professor Alexander Winchell

Ann Arbor

Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Many thanks for a copy of your valuable contributions to the Eighth Annual Report of the Minnesota Geological Survey.

Believe me always

Respectfully yours,

Wm. Smith Lyman.

Jamaica Plain, Ms. [illegible]

My dear Clark:

Many thanks for your favor [illegible]

[illegible]

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[illegible], 17 June [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] your [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible]. I succeeded [illegible] [illegible]

Mr. Henry [illegible] ([illegible] [illegible], [illegible] in the [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] petroleum) and, [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] see that the crude [illegible] oil ([illegible]

[illegible] 10 gallons [illegible] [illegible] each, [illegible] 65 lbs. in all ([illegible]

[illegible], the [illegible] [illegible] the amount sent from [illegible]

[illegible] in [illegible], namely: [illegible] 1,248,289 [illegible]

[illegible] 1,379,567 "

[illegible] [illegible]

1887 [illegible] [illegible]

1886 " " [illegible] 588

[illegible] a very great increase during the past year, [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] price [illegible] would be [illegible] [illegible]

The specific gravity of petroleum given by [illegible] is much

too high. The refined oil (kerosene) has a specific gravity of about

eight tenths of that of water. The crude oil is various, lighter [illegible]

than in [illegible]; but our [illegible] found the [illegible] oil to have a

specific gravity of 0,813. Perhaps an average for all Japan of 0.[illegible] would

be close enough for your calculation.

You made an error in [illegible] [illegible] cubic feet; but that is not necessary

for your purpose [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. For [illegible] (see my Reports, [illegible]

1879, p. [illegible], we get very nearly [illegible] [illegible]. One [illegible] of oil would weigh 480 × 0.8 =

384 [illegible], or 1 koku of oil would [illegible] 18,4 kwamme. Then the 1884 product

of [illegible] kwamme would, if divided by 18,4, give [illegible] koku. Also I see in

[illegible], 1887. XI. p. [illegible], [illegible] the product of oil in Japan [illegible] in 1884 was

3 264 [illegible] kilogrammes; but that is [illegible] [illegible] your [illegible], [illegible]

[illegible] by the Statistics bureau of the Japanese [illegible]

I [illegible] of [illegible] you [illegible] a week or two [illegible] make the final [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] if you would like [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] very kindly [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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Philadelphia, [illegible] June, 18[illegible],
[illegible]

My dear [illegible]:

[illegible] your [illegible]
[illegible] 28th duly received [illegible] and
[illegible] a [illegible] at [illegible]
[illegible] about a [illegible] well [illegible]
[illegible] time [illegible]
[illegible] send the [illegible]
[illegible] specimens. [illegible]
[illegible] the various [illegible] limited [illegible]
[illegible] this one in [illegible]
[illegible] would [illegible] some other [illegible]
[illegible] it is perhaps [illegible]
[illegible] instead [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] included, [illegible]
[illegible] come [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Commencement [illegible]
[illegible] in [illegible]
[illegible] accuracy [illegible]
[illegible] during [illegible]
[illegible] plan do, [illegible]
[illegible] I might [illegible]
[illegible] which [illegible]
[illegible] Commencement [illegible]
[illegible] the most interesting [illegible]
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Philadelphia, 8 June, 188[illegible].

Address your letters: 907 Walnut St., Phila[illegible]

[illegible] 708 Locust [illegible]

My dear Mr. [illegible]

Many thanks for your favor of the [illegible] which [illegible] received yesterday at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of your having addressed it to a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on Locust Street. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] address 907 Walnut St. [illegible] [illegible] will be forwarded [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] as I am [illegible] [illegible] constantly [illegible]. The [illegible] can be sent [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] to 708 Locust Street, where I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] night.

Perhaps it would be best if [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] water into the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] possible so as not to wet the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] may be [illegible] [illegible] under ground might be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by digging a small hole at the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] fountain pipe. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] hole to take up [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible]. If any digging be done [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] filled back again as neatly as possible [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] may be [illegible] [illegible] at Commencement [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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Philadelphia: 9 Sept. 1868

Dear Wm: Where, Oh, where is your weekly letter?
Remember always your earliest convenience
and oblige

Yours very truly

Benj. Smith Lyman